

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following heading just above paragraph [0001] on page 1:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following heading just above paragraph [0007] on page 1:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0039] on page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

[0039] Polyethylenimines suitable for the process according to the invention are available on the market, for example from BASF, Germany (LUPASOL® polyethylenimine grades and POLYMIN® polyethylenimine grades) or from Nippon Shokubai Co. Ltd., Japan.

Please replace paragraph [0081] on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

[0081] 4.8 kg of a commercially available aqueous solution (LUPASOL® P polyethylenimine, BASF, Germany), which contained 50% by weight of water and 50% by weight of polyethylenimine, were mixed with 4.8 kg of water and 0.35 kg of a 50% strength aqueous solution of hydrolyzed polymaleic anhydride. The prepared mixture thus contained about 24% by weight of component A.